

Reduced Order Modeling for Non-equilibrium Radiation Hydrodynamics of Base Flow and Wakes: Enabling Manned Missions to Mars

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Approach: *Coarse-Grain Method*

The methodology of reduction for **Collisional and Radiative STS** models consists of two distinct steps:

- **Local Representation and Reconstruction:** lumping of the internal energy levels in energy groups, and the reconstruction of population of each group, using macroscopic quantities.
- **Macroscopic Moment Equations and Rate Coefficients:** macroscopic governing equations are obtained by taking moments of the master equations.

Radiation and Kinetics Coupling

- **Operator Splitting Method:** enabling different grouping strategies for Radiation and Kinetics.
- **Semi-Implicit Time integration**
- **Validation/Calibration (EAST DATA)**
- **Bayes Inference:** Calibration of the reduced model.

Research Objective:

- To **reduce predictive uncertainty** in the heating predictions for the back shell region, due to **CO₂ IR radiation**.
- Construct a computationally efficient physics/chemistry model for CFD that is **physics based** and **accurate** for Earth (10-16km/s) and Mars (5-8km/s) entries.
- Develop a new framework for the construction of **Coarse Grained Collisional and Radiative State To State model** to enable their application to current CFD models.

- **Time accurate, tight coupling** between radiation and chemistry without relying on the QSS assumption.
- The starting **TRL is 1**, and the final is **TL is 3**.

Potential Impact:

- **Predictive modeling** of strong non-equilibrium environments (Backshell).
- Modeling of Entry heating for **all** hypervelocity return missions such as **OSIRIS-Rex and Insight, MAV, Lunar/Asteroid Sample Return & Crewed asteroid rendezvous**.
- **This innovative approach will transform the way non-equilibrium flows can be understood and modeled by the community.**

